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In re application of:

Bruce L. Davis

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The undersigned recently learned of prior art, as follows:

Driver's licenses (DLs) were formerly produced for the State of California under contract by NBS Imaging Systems. Commencing in about October, 1995 there was an arrangement by which California residents opening VISA or MasterCard accounts with Citibank could authorize Citibank to obtain an electronic copy of the portrait image printed on their California DL, and reproduce same on the credit card (to deter fraudulent credit card use). More particularly, Citibank provided credit card applicants with paperwork on which they could write their name and California DL number, and sign to authorize Citibank to obtain and use their DL photo. Citibank's credit card application center compiled this information into a daily list of names/DL numbers, and electronically transmitted same to NBS over a leased line. NBS responded by electronically sending a corresponding batch of photo images from its image archives (together with signature images, which were also captured during the DL issuance process) back to Citibank. Citibank turned this data over to a contracted card manufacturer, which fabricated credit cards bearing the applicants' photos (and signatures). The photo credit cards were then mailed to the applicants. The State of California had audit rights (e.g., permitting it to demand inspection of documents related to such transactions) but was not involved in the daily provision of images.

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